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Columbus City Attorney Dismissing Pending Cases Charged By Officer Andrew Mitchell

Previous charges by Mitchell may be reviewed by city prosecutor

COLUMBUS, **OH**—Today, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced that his office will review and dismiss any open and pending cases that solely involve Columbus Division of Police Officer Andrew Mitchell. Following the U.S. Department of Justice's announcement yesterday of Mitchell's indictment, City Attorney Klein also stated that the office will review previous convictions involving only Officer Mitchell on an individual basis.

"In light of the FBI's investigation and subsequent indictment of Columbus Division of Police Officer Andrew Mitchell, the Columbus City Attorney's office will be reviewing and dismissing open and pending cases that involve only Officer Mitchell and no other law enforcement personnel," said City Attorney Zach Klein. "Further, if defendants who have previously pleaded guilty to a charge have facts involving Officer Mitchell that were not known to prosecutors at the time of conviction, we will review those convictions on a case-by-case basis. Defendants should have their attorney contact our office with relevant information."

Defendants who meet those criteria should have their attorney contact Chief Prosecutor Bill Hedrick in the city attorney's office at Brhedrick@columbus.gov.